

REMARKS

In the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner requested that one CFTR allele or combination of alleles be designated for searching purposes, citing MPEP 803.04. While Applicants do not believe that such a designation needs to be made (e.g., MPEP 803.04 relates to nucleic acid sequences, and still requires the Patent Office to search a reasonable number of sequences), for purposes of expediting prosecution, Applicants hereby designate 2184delA.

It is also noted that Claims 1-2 have been amended and Claims 5-14 and 20-21 have been cancelled. This was done for business purposes and in order to expedite the prosecution of the present application. Support for the amendment to Claim 1 can be found in the specification, for example, at Example 4. It is noted that Claims 5-14 were cancelled in order to be consistent with amended Claim 1, and Claims 20-21 were cancelled to avoid duplicative claims in co-pending application serial number 10/371,913.

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